if any, which are adjudged against the original defendant, to be reimbursed to him by such other person, to be levied in like manner as penalties under this Act may be levied upon any original defendant: provided also, that if at the time of any such order being made as is last mentioned, such other person be in the receipt of or entitled to receive any wages from such original defendant, or any co-partnership of which such original defendant is a member, it shall be lawful for the said last-mentioned justices to authorize such original defendant to deduct the sum, if any, so awarded to be reimbursed to him as aforesaid, out of the wages then or thereafter to become due from him or his co-partnership, to such other person as aforesaid, either in one sum, or by such instalments as the said justices shall, in any such case, think fit to award."

When Mr. Mackinnon moved the second reading of the Bill a few evenings ago, the Earl of Lincoln said he thought it would be the better course to pursue, and would tend very much to more satisfactory legislation on this matter, if Mr. Mackinnon would consent to postpone the second reading of his Bill until after Easter. He had promised that he would look into this subject. He had done so, and was still continuing his inquiries amongst scientific gentlemen as to the best mode of curing this evil of smoke in towns. It was only within the last two days that he had received additional information on the matter, but which he was not then prepared to communicate to the House. The House was already aware that a measure of a nature somewhat similar to that contained in the present Bill, but on a much larger scale, and of much greater importance to the country, was under the consideration of the Government, and he could not help thinking that it might be more advisable to consider this question in connection with the other. He would, therefore, ask his hon. friend to postpone the second reading of his Bill until after Easter, when both measures could be considered with greater propriety.

Several honourable members expressed opinions upon the Bill, and it was ultimately deferred until Wednesday, the 2nd of April.

We understand that in Birmingham from eighty-five to one hundred owners of steam-engines have adopted sufficient remedies to ensure the consumption of their smoke.

WORKS IN THE PROVINCES.

At Lyme Regis, very extensive improvements are in contemplation. The inhabitants have lately petitioned Parliament on the subject. The petition sets forth that the custom-house and other places in the town having been destroyed by fire, it would be advantageous to the inhabitants if a new street were formed from the east end of Broad-street to Charmouth-road; a bridge over the river Lyme; a new street from the middle of Broad-street to the sea shore; and a reservoir for supplying water to houses not at present properly supplied.

A few weeks since a public company was formed at Chippenham for the purpose of supplying the respectable householders, and the poor gratuitously, with water, of which they are at present greatly in want. It was also intended to erect a fountain in the centre of the town, and to provide, in different parts, thirty plugs, for a supply of water in case of fire. This excellent determination has, for the present, been frustrated by Joseph Neeld, Esq., who represents the borough in Parliament. He intimated his determination to oppose the bill unless provisions were made in it for the drainage and sewerage of the town by a tax on the *tenants* of houses, of which Mr. Neeld possesses about sixty.

In Manchester, a proposal is made to roof with glass two neighbouring streets to the Exchange, for the convenience of the congregated merchants. It is to be called the Peel Arcade.

A new Independent Chapel has lately been erected at Shrewsbury, the cost of which was 2,300*l*.

At Liverpool, the wealthy admirers of the Rev. H. M'Neile, are about to build and endow for him a spacious and handsome church in the park. It is stated to be the intention of the promoters of this undertaking to vest the presentation in the same reverend gentleman.

The new town of Crewe is well lighted with gas, not only in the streets, but in its cottages also. The directors of the Grand Junction Railway a short time ago gave instruction to carry gas into all the cottages, somewhere about four hundred, at Crewe, allowing one burner for 7*s*. 6*d*. per annum.

The amount subscribed for the restoration of Chester Cathedral is nearly 3,000*l*., including a second donation during the last week of 100*l*. from the Marquis of Westminster. The cost of the works already contracted for and in progress is 2,504*l*., and the complete restoration of the choir, it is expected, cannot be effected for less than 5,000*l*.

We stated a short time since that a bridge was about to be erected over the Tay, at Mugdrum. An Edinburgh paper states, that at a meeting of the town-council of Perth, on Monday, an official announcement was read from the Admiralty, intimating that the Lords Commissioners had resolved on not giving their consent to the plan of a bridge over the Tay, at Mugdrum, for the Edinburgh and Northern Railway.

The old Market-house of Killarney is to be razed to the ground, and a Temperance Hall built in its stead. The Earl of Kenmare has given 50*l*. towards this project.

The restoration of the chancel of St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, has been entrusted by Earl Manvers to Mr. H. M. Wood. Mr. Cottingham superintends the restoration of the other parts of the edifice.

On Monday last, the foundation-stone of a Roman Catholic Chapel was laid at Pontypool, by the Rev. W. Woollett. Mr. Scoles, of London, is the architect, and Mr. Hunt, of Newport, the builder.

The Duke of Cleveland, who expended about 2,000*l*. last year on the improvements at Raby Castle, is about to make further large additions and alterations. The baron's hall is to be enlarged, and the circular room newly-faced, and the Chinese dining room is to be remodelled.

A new dock, with an area of nearly four acres, was opened at Adrossan, last week. It has been formed at the expense of the Earl of Eglintoun. Fifty ships can be accommodated in it.

A new fort is to be erected in Liverpool, at a cost, inclusive of the site, of 27,000*l*.

The feofees of Barnstaple-bridge are about to make a great improvement at the lower end of High-street, by pulling down the Boot-inn, and the unsightly buildings adjoining, and erecting two handsome houses with shops, designed by Mr. Gould, architect.

Seven hundred men are employed night and day on the construction of the Birkenhead Docks, and in April it is supposed there will be nearly 2,000. It is expected the docks will be partially opened within two years, and completely within three. The Dock Warehouse Company have commenced making fifty millions of bricks in order to begin building their warehouses the moment their Act is obtained.

The erection of the new schools at Magdalene College, Oxford, is delayed in consequence of a claim said to be made by the city to have the sons of freemen admitted should the proposed plan be carried out. It has been proposed to substitute stained-glass windows in the College Chapel of Magdalene, in place of the present chiaro oscuro paintings, and one of the Fellows (Mr. Rowndell Palmer) has offered to resign the proceeds of his fellowship to assist in this.

The dilapidated state of the parish Church of Baddesley Ensor, in Warwickshire, renders it necessary to build an entirely new place of worship. The estimate for the new church is 2,500*l*. to accommodate 400 persons. Towards this amount W. S. Dugdale, Esq., M.P., has subscribed 500*l*., Lady Sykes 50*l*., and the incumbent, the Rev. W. Bradley 50*l*. There is still wanting 1,900*l*.

The foundation-stone of the Cyfarthfa Rolling Mill was laid on the 18th instant by Mrs. Crawshay, of Cyfarthfa Castle, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. The welkin rang with the vociferous cheers of the assembled workmen. They were afterwards regaled with a plentiful supply of *cwrwda*. The building will cover an area of 3,066 square yards, being 193 yards in length, and 143 in breadth.

A clear moiety of the amount required by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for England as a public benefaction, before they would erect a parsonage house for the Incumbent of St. John's Church, Cornish-Hall-End, Finchingfield, having been raised by subscription, orders have been issued for the commencement of the works. Mr. Johnstone, of Grinstead Green, Halstead, has obtained the contract.

At Scarborough, the improvements on the South Cliff are rapidly and widely extending. The Crown Hotel, with its lofty pediment and Corinthian columns, forms an imposing feature in the great façade.

The subscribers and shareholders of the proposed Colchester Literary and Scientific Institution, have deemed it advisable to suspend proceedings until the Legislature shall have decided on Mr. Ewart's Bill for the establishment of Museums of Art in the provinces.

We have already stated that St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is about to undergo very extensive repairs. Dean Pakenham, during the past week, has addressed the Editor of the *Times* on the subject of these repairs, and the expenses incident thereto. He says, "My purpose is, first, to repair the dangerous defects in the building. The cost may be about 4,000*l*., of which I have as yet obtained but about 2,700*l*. Then, if means increase, it is intended to lengthen the choir by moving the organ back about 20 feet into the great aisle, and keeping it on such a level as to give a view of the whole roof from west to east. This will make it necessary to groin the great aisle, which at present shews the unsightly substructure of modern slating. The west front of the organ must also be gilt. 'Tis now but a worn-out piece of bad scene painting. Forty windows, including their stone casements, must be restored. The outward aisles must be aired, and then the beautiful arches which look into them, and which are now built up and defaced with galleries, may be re-opened without injury to the congregation. The woodwork also requires much."

In a late competition at Edinburgh for a Free Church College, Messrs. Matthews, of London (secretary to the Association of Architectural Draughtsmen), and Mackenzie, of Elgin, have been awarded the first premium, and Messrs. Clark and Bell, of Glasgow, the second premium. The committee called in the services of Mr. Barry to decide upon the best designs. The premiums were 100*l*., and 50*l*., and the proposed cost of the building is about 25,000*l*.

ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITIONS.

CLIFTON UNION WORKHOUSE.

Sir,—You are no doubt aware that the guardians for the Clifton Union issued in January last an advertisement inviting architects to send plans for their new union workhouse, holding out as an inducement thereto, that the architect furnishing the best design should superintend the building at 5 per cent. on the contract, and that 25 guineas should be awarded to the next in merit.

In consequence of this, thirty-one architects of the metropolis and other parts of the kingdom, set their wits to work to devise certain accommodation for the paupers, at an expense to themselves varying from 20*l*. to 70*l*. each.

Now, let us observe the result. From the whole waggon-load of designs two are selected, but it is not at first decided which is to be THE building. Up to a time all is shrouded in mystery, for it is firmly and conscientiously believed, that there never was an instance in which any one of a board of guardians could even guess at the real name and address contained in the sealed envelope. At last the important secret is solved; and, who would have thought of such a coincidence? it is the very architect who has been already employed by the board, and who has also devoted much of his time in concocting certain notions of certain persons for months previous. The other belongs to an unknown and a nameless man; but many tasteless individuals had taken a fancy to it, and thought it looked rather more like a house of charity than a prison; but these, as it proved, had very mistaken notions.

The battle now commences in earnest, and calculations are entered into enough to bother the head of Sir Robert Peel; when, in the midst of the mystification, it is thought desirable that the opinion of an architect of known respectability should be taken, in order to

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